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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer for China
Chief, Current Intelligence Group, OCO
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Possible PDB Items

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1. I thought a section of your 28 March warning assessment was very helpful and could well be replayed in the PDB. This concerns the status of the Vietnamese offensives versus Pol Pot; the fact that Pol Pot has survived the dry season better than we had anticipated; and that we will likely have a breathing space in which both the Thais and the Vietnamese reassess the situation. Perhaps we should wait until we are just a little closer to the rainy season. Overall, I believe we should get the point across to the President that this troublesome situation has taken a little different turn than we anticipated a few months ago and that we might see some rather different approaches to it by the Chinese, the Thais, and the Vietnamese over the next year.

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2. I also think it would be well to pick up something from your paragraph 9 on the refugee situation. I don't believe we've played it for a good while. It has been of keen interest to the President.

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